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REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-25 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-25 have been subject to a restriction requirement.

By way of this amendment, claims 1-23 have been cancelled, claims 24 and 25 have been amended and new claims 26-46 have been added.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 24-46 will be pending.

Summary of the Amendment

Claims 1-23 have been cancelled without prejudice as directed to non-elected inventions.

Claims 24 and 25 have been amended to make them independent by expressly reciting the subject matter from claim 1 consistent with the election in response to the restriction requirement.

New claims 26-46 refer to specific embodiments of the elected invention.

Restriction Requirement

Claims 1-25 have been subject to a restriction requirement wherein Applicants have been required to elect one invention from the groups set forth in the Official Action.

Applicants elect Group V which refers to methods comprising the step of administering a vaccine comprising a polynucleotide encoding at least one epitope of the human ST receptor protein. Each of claims 24-46 belong to Group V.

Power of Attorney

Applicants' attorney notes that a Power of Attorney with Revocation and Change of Correspondence Address, along with a Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is being submitted herewith.

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Conclusion

The examination of claims 24-46 and passage to allowance are respectfully requested. An early Notice of Allowance is therefore earnestly solicited. Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney at 215.665.5592 to clarify any unresolved issues raised by this response.

As indicated on the transmittal accompanying this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any debit or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1275.

Respectfully submitted,



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